



RESOLUTION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

Supporting no change to the minimum student count for school funding

Resolution 4-2015

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has a constitutional obligation to provide a system of public schools open to all children regardless of where they live; and

WHEREAS, the current funding formula provides funding for a separate school when a community has a minimum student count of ten Average Daily Membership; and

WHEREAS, the legislature may consider increasing the minimum student count for school funding to 25 which would affect nearly 60 schools in over two dozen school districts in order to reduce state spending on education; and

WHEREAS, increasing the minimum student count causes significant disruption and economic impact on rural communities; and

WHEREAS, in comparison to the disruption and economic impact in small communities significant savings have not been identified from increasing the minimum student count for school funding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the State Board of Education & Early Development respectfully requests the Alaska Legislature to continue the current minimum student count for school funding.

ADOPTED December 11, 2015

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "James Fields".

James Fields, Chair

On behalf of the State Board of Education & Early Development